

Tuesday, April 23, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3805–S4002*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1693–1696, and S. Con. Res. 53. **Pages S3953–54**

#### Measures Passed:

**Health Care Availability and Affordability Act:** By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 78), Senate passed H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance, after having struck, pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 18, 1996, all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1028, Senate companion measure, as amended.

**Pages S3817–33, S3836–64**

**Congressional Term Limits:** Senate resumed consideration of S.J. Res. 21, proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S3805–17, S3864–79**

#### Pending:

Thompson (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3692, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Brown) Amendment No. 3693 (to Amendment No. 3692), to permit each State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3694, of a perfecting nature. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Brown) Amendment No. 3695 (to Amendment No. 3694), to permit each State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate. **Page S3805**

Thompson Amendment No. 3696, to change the length of limits on Congressional terms to 12 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Brown) Amendment No. 3697 (to Amendment No. 3696), to permit each State to prescribe the maximum number of terms to which a person may be elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate. **Page S3805**

Thompson motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3698 (to the motion to recommit), to change instructions to report back with limits on Congressional terms of 6 years in the House of Representatives and 12 years in the Senate. **Page S3805**

Thompson (for Brown) Modified Amendment No. 3699 (to Amendment No. 3698), to change instructions to report back with language allowing each State to set the terms of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate from that State. **Page S3805**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 79), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3878–79**

Subsequently, the resolution was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S3892**

**Immigration Reform:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 1664, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel and detention facilities, improving the system used by employers to verify citizenship or work-authorized alien status, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and document fraud, and reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures; and to reduce the use of welfare by aliens, on Wednesday, April 24, 1996. **Page S4002**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report relative to narcotics traffickers; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-140).

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S3954-57

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S3957-58

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S3997-99

**Authority for Committees:** Pages S3999-S4000

**Additional Statements:** Pages S4000-02

**Notice of Issuance of Final Regulations:**  
Pages S3896-S3952

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total-79) Pages S3836, S3878-79

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 24, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4000.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, and David C. Hall, Director, Budget Division, both of the Farm Service Agency, August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Dennis L. Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 25.

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Energy Office of Energy Research, receiving testimony from Martha A. Krebs, Director of Energy Research, Department of Energy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system.

### SWISS BANK/JEWISH ASSETS

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of assets deposited by European Jews and others into Swiss banks in the years preceding the Holocaust, after receiving testimony from Representative Gilman; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Edgar M. Bronfman, World Jewish Congress, New York, New York, on behalf of the World Jewish Restitution Organization; Hans J. Baer, Bank Julius Baer/Baer Holding Ltd., Zurich, Switzerland, on behalf of the Swiss Bankers Association; and Greta Beer, Flushing, New York.

### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Ann Brown, Chairman, Thomas Moore, Commissioner, Mary Sheila Gall, Commissioner, and David Schmeltzer, Director for Compliance and Administrative Litigation, all of the Consumer Product Safety Commission; David Miller, Toy Manufacturers Association, David Rohn, National Association of Manufacturers, Mary Ellen Fise, Consumer Federation of America, and Heather Paul, National SAFE KID'S Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Robin Lannier, International Mass Retail Association, Arlington, Virginia.

### AUTHORIZATION—SUPERFUND

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee held hearings on S. 1285, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Recovery, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund), receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Thomas P. Grumbly, Acting Under Secretary of Energy; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; J. Lawrence Wilson, Rohm